

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS ACT

**HON. SAM GEJDENSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Violence Prevention Training for Early Childhood Educators Act.

Students, parents, I rise to introduce the Violence Prevention Training for Early Childhood Educators Act.

Students, parents, teachers and members of communities across our country have been grappling with the issue of school violence. There is no magic solution to this difficult matter, there is no single cause that can be addressed to guarantee our schools will be violence-free. However, I believe that to effectively address this issue we must ensure that those who are entering careers in early childhood development and education are properly trained in violence prevention.

The legislation that my colleagues and I are introducing today will authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants ranging from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to institutions of higher learning and other facilities in order to assist them in making violence prevention training available to prospective teachers and those returning for additional professional development. Moreover, the bill will ensure that teachers, school counselors and child care providers are provided with the skills necessary to prevent violent behavior in young children at the very earliest stages. In 1992, Congress enacted legislation which funded similar training programs at Eastern Connecticut State University, University of Colorado at Denver, University of Kansas, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina, Temple University and a dozen other colleges and universities.

There is evidence that strongly suggests that early intervention and education is effective in preventing delinquency. For example, one study has indicated that when preschool teachers instruct young children about interpersonal problem-solving skills and other forms of conflict resolution, children are less likely to demonstrate problematic behavior, which is effective in preventing delinquency later on. In addition, there is further evidence that indicates that support programs for families with very young children—those under the age of five—are effective in preventing delinquency.

Teachers are on the frontline every day. They need to be prepared to discuss with the children and the entire family how to resolve issues without resorting to violence. I believe we must reinvest in this proven, worthwhile program in order to ensure that our teachers, daycare providers and school counselors have the training they need to combat violence in school and society at large.

I am pleased to be joined in this effort by Mr. KUCINICH of Ohio, Mr. HILLIARD of Ala-

bama, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. CHRISTENSEN of Virginia Islands, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. WU of Oregon, Mr. ETHERIDGE of North Carolina, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD of California, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts.

## HONORING DINO PETRUCCI

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dino Petrucci for receiving the Senior Farmer of the Year Award. Dino Petrucci's efforts to educate and inspire young people toward agriculture render him deserving of this award.

Dino was born on a farm in Madera and still lives on the property his family cultivated while he was growing up. He attended Howard Elementary School, graduated from Madera High School in 1947, and earned a college degree in Crop Science from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

During his four years at Madera High, Dino was actively involved in student government and the Future Farmers of America. He was elected Student Body Vice President and Senior Class Speaker. He also served as Chapter President of FFA and won the FAA State Speaking contest.

Petrucci went on to hold numerous leadership positions in various organizations as a young adult. He was elected the State FFA President and was a National Public Speaker at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. In addition, he served as President of the Crop Science Department at Cal Poly.

Mr. Petrucci was successful in his undertakings on behalf of these organizations and in his academic endeavors. He earned the coveted American Farmer Degree and co-authored a book that was used in school agriculture departments across the state.

After college, Dino began his teaching career in the Ag Department in Victorville. Two years later, he returned to Madera and embarked upon a 29-year career with the Madera High Ag Department. During this time, Dino was actively farming a variety of crops with his brother, Enzo. Dino and wife Peggy were also raising a family of two children and supporting them on their 4-H and FFA projects.

Many of his former students attest that Mr. Petrucci was a committed teacher, giving more hours than were required of him. For fifteen years, he advised the California Young Farmers and was instrumental in the Madera Chapter receiving recognition as "Outstanding Chapter" for many of those years. He also served as State President of the California Ag Teachers Association, and found time to serve as Chairman of the Livestock Department at the Madera District Fair.

While balancing a family and career Dino has made time for community involvement by

serving as President of the Lion's Club, President of Madera Toastmasters, and President of Madera County Farm Bureau. He was also elected last year to serve as a Trustee on the Madera Unified School District Board. In addition, Mr. Petrucci began the MUST Center and served as its Director for two years. This program was designed to teach vocational skills to the underprivileged to order to afford them better job opportunities. Currently, Petrucci is actively involved at Howard Elementary School where he attended as a boy, his children attended, and his grandchildren now attend.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dino Petrucci for his outstanding accomplishments and service to his community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dino many more years of continued success and happiness.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following statement into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

On rollcall vote No. 344 on July 29, 1999 I mistakenly voted "yea." I would like the RECORD to reflect the fact that I oppose the amendment and should have voted "nay". The amendment would prohibit the District of Columbia from spending its own funds on a needle exchange program that has saved hundreds of residents from death and disease caused by the HIV-AIDS epidemic. I support such proven programs and oppose efforts by Congress to intrude into the affairs of the District of Columbia in such a misinformed and heavy-handed fashion.

## TRIBUTE TO CORMAC HENNESSY

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday August 2, 1999*

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commitment and selfless dedication one young man, Cormac Hennessy has made to myself, my staff and the people of the Third District of New York. Cormac began interning in my office in the Summer of 1998 and since that time he has exhibited all the qualities: intellect, wit and a certain style that make him truly the son of a Diplomat's Deiplomat. In fact, Cormac was an inspiration to those who loved the game of golf, for there was never too dull an assignment or too onerous a task that Cormac did not shirk for the sake of eighteen holes. I am confident that in the care of two truly wonderful people, Pat and Pauline Hennessy, Cormac will amount to something more than the self-proclaimed title of "King of

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all Interns." Indeed I am certain that his unsurpassed sarcasm, his indecipherable "Southern" dialect and his unique charm will cause him to rise to the highest levels of leadership and success. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors and I thank him for all that he has done and meant to me.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 30, 1999, I was inadvertently detained and did not vote on rollcall No. 354 or 355. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both.

#### HONORING JAN DUKE

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Duke for receiving the prestigious Milken Educator Award. Duke teaches fourth grade at John Adam's Elementary School in the Madera Unified School District.

Jan Duke was one of four teachers in California to receive this honor, and one of 160 to be honored nationwide. She is the first from Madera Unified School District to be given this award.

Beyond her role as an exemplary teacher, Jan is a skilled writer and presenter. Duke has written two books on teaching fourth-graders and co-authored, with her husband, a book on teaching individuals to read. She also advises national scholastic book clubs on what literature would be best for children. In addition, she conducts 5 to 20 seminars annually for fourth-grade teachers nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Duke for her achievements and service to the community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Jan many more years of continued success and happiness.

#### CONCERN FOR RESIDENTS OF VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the forefront a very important issue that has not been given the attention it deserves by this Congress. More than 9,000 American citizens, living on the island of Vieques, live in fear. But, it isn't a fear of drug trafficking. It isn't a fear of violent gangs or terrorism either. Our fellow citizens live in fear of our own military, and I would like to explain why.

For more than 50 years, the residents of Vieques, Puerto Rico, an island encompassing fewer than 52 square miles of which the Navy

occupies 35 square miles, have had to endure live military ammunition and bombing exercises. Vieques is the largest area in the Western hemisphere used for military exercises with live ammunition, and the only place where bombing still occurs near a substantial civilian population. For years, the residents of Vieques have expressed their concerns about the negative impact that the bombing and live ammunition exercises are having on their health and safety. Unfortunately, their voices have not been heard and that concerns me. On April 19, 1999, the people of Vieques raised their voices once again, this time in despair. It was on that date, during routine military practices conducted by two Navy F/A-18 Hornet jets, that two bombs were accidentally dropped near an observation post manned by civilian security guards. As a result, a security guard was killed and four others were wounded. I believe that if the citizens of Puerto Rico had equal representation in Congress, legitimate concerns for their safety and health would have been better safeguarded.

Since that accident, the Navy has temporarily ceased military maneuvers while an investigation is carried out, and Puerto Rico's Governor, the Honorable Pedro Rossello, appointed a Commission that investigated the incident and reported its findings to the President's Special Panel on Military Operations on Vieques on July 9, 1999. The Governor's Commission unanimously concluded that it is not possible to protect the people of Vieques, or the environment, from the extreme danger posed by live ammunition testing. The Navy argues that Vieques is a unique site for training exercises with live ammunition, making it essential to our National security. I've always worked to protect our National security, however, it should never be achieved at the expense of the personal rights or safety of our own citizens. The only solution may be to end permanently the military's live ammunition testing on Vieques.

No one in this House would tolerate what the military is doing on Vieques if it were taking place in our Congressional district, and neither would our constituents. Imagine trying to explain to the voters why they should welcome the bombardment of their communities with live ammunition. Try convincing your constituents to accept, and in return thank you, for having uranium-coated bombs dropped within a few miles of their homes, schools, hospitals, and public parks. Imagine asking your constituents to accept having their children attend classrooms which reverberate during the school day as live shells explode nearby. No one in this chamber would permit the continuation of a practice by our own military that endangers the lives of the very people we have been elected to represent.

There's a reality about Puerto Rico, one that is wonderful and abhorrent at the same time. The people of Puerto Rico are truly American citizens, part of America's great democracy, and that is wonderful. However, the people of Puerto Rico currently lack the single most important tool that our democracy provides, two Senators and a voting delegation in the House of Representatives, and that is abhorrent. It is precisely because the people of Puerto Rico don't have equal representation in Congress that they need our help now. If they had real representation here, the military would have the proper incentive to solve the problem of live ammunition testing on Vieques. I trust that

my colleagues in the House of Representatives would agree with me. If this practice were occurring in any one of the fifty States, I know we would all stand together to oppose it. We owe our fellow American citizens in Puerto Rico the same level of respect. They deserve nothing less. In fact, their safety and their lives may depend on it.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to take a hard look at this issue.

#### CELEBRATING THE CITY OF LOMITA

### HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Lomita, California. Lomita is celebrating its 35th year as an incorporated city. The City of Lomita is widely recognized for its rustic, small-town atmosphere amongst the larger cities of the South Bay.

Lomita was first established as a German farming community in 1907. The farming community continued to grow throughout the years, and in June of 1964, after several unsuccessful attempts, Lomita was finally incorporated as a city.

While surrounding communities have experienced tremendous growth, Lomita has remained relatively unchanged since incorporation. Lomita's small town attributes attract young families in search of a safe, close knit community. Lomita is a culturally diverse community and it also boasts one of the lowest crime rates in the South Bay region. It is an ideal place to raise a family and live the American Dream, and many of its residents are homeowners and small business entrepreneurs.

The future looks bright for the city of Lomita. Preparations are currently underway for an ambitious revitalization of Lomita's downtown area to ensure that Lomita maintains its small-town atmosphere.

Lomita has thrived over the last 35 years, and as we enter the 21st century, Lomita will continue to stand out as a small, unique town of the South Bay. I congratulate the City of Lomita and its 20,000 residents on this milestone.

#### IN HONOR OF MYLDRED JONES

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Myldred Jones, an Orange County resident, and a great humanitarian, on this her ninetieth birthday.

Myldred moved to California from Pennsylvania with her family when she was four years old. Growing up during the Depression, the Jones family experienced the poverty that affected millions of Americans. Even so, Myldred's parents, who were also her greatest mentors, would share whatever food they had with other people. Although the Jones' family was also poor, they seemed to always have enough to give to others.

Early on, Myldred learned the lessons of humanitarianism, of unconditional love, and of providing and caring for others. These gifts were to become the very essence of her life.

Myldred began her career as a high school teacher and, later, became a juvenile probation officer. During World War II, she was one of the first eight WAVES from California. Her military career included duty as a Special Assistant to Commandant 14th Naval District, Assistant Director of the Department of Welfare, and a faculty member on international relations for the Armed Forces Graduate School. She was also the Naval Liaison Officer for both the United Nations and the National Red Cross. When she retired in 1959, she was the director of Social Services of the Navy Relief Society.

After her retirement, Myldred became active in the Civil Rights Movement and marched with Martin Luther King from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. In 1969, she joined Cesar Chavez on his marches for the United Farm Workers. Her work in the Watts district of Los Angeles, California, earned her recognition from Governor Ronald Reagan, who employed her as a consultant on youth affairs.

Recognizing the need that many young people had for assistance with different problems, Myldred developed the first "hotline" for troubled teenagers. Many of the teenagers were runaways or "throwaways" whose parents had either forced them to leave their homes, or whose parents had left them. With no place to go, the teenagers were in a desperate situation.

Myldred's deep compassion to help these teenagers, led her to sell her home and purchase another home which could house runaway children on a temporary basis. Out of this need was born the Casa Youth Shelter which has since its inception in 1978, has assisted thousands of "lost youth" find their way back home and into the mainstream of society.

The philosophy behind Myldred's home for teenagers comes from a belief that all of the children can turn their lives into a success if they have the love and attention which had been denied to them all of their lives.

Housing twelve youths at a time for a period of two weeks, Casa Youth Shelter, has become a safe haven for many youth whose lives were on the line. To this day, Myldred meets each of the youth and talks with them. Myldred is regarded by many as "our own Mother Teresa" for her life has been dedicated to taking care of others who are in need. She is an angel amongst us.

Colleagues, please join me today in wishing Myldred Jones a very happy birthday and also in congratulating her on her life which has been lived to the fullest.

#### TRIBUTE TO KING HASSAN II OF MOROCCO

#### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco passed away and his son, Sidi Mohammad ben Al Hassan, assumed the throne of Morocco.

King Hassan II reigned over the Kingdom of Morocco for thirty-eight years after succeeding

his father as monarch on March 3, 1961. Under his leadership Morocco has undergone a significant transformation. King Hassan fostered the evolution of a more democratic constitutional government, encouraged tolerance for ethnic and religious minorities in Morocco, and made measurable improvement in respect for human rights.

Mr. Speaker, in the area of foreign policy, King Hassan played an important role personally in advancing the Middle East peace process. He was instrumental in bringing together leaders of Israel and the Arab states on a number of different occasions. It is significant that in September 1993 Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres stopped in Morocco to thank King Hassan on their return to Israel from Washington, D.C., following the signature of the Oslo Accords on the South Lawn of the White House.

The relationship between Morocco and the United States has flourished under the leadership of King Hassan. Our association with Morocco are long and friendly, having begun in 1777 when Morocco was one of the first nations formally to recognize the Government of the United States of America. Ten years later, in 1787, our two countries negotiated a Treaty of Peace and Friendship, which was the first such treaty concluded by our young nation. The unique relationship of our countries was strengthened and deepened under the leadership of King Hassan.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues join me in extending my deepest condolences to the Moroccan people on the passing of King Hassan and also in extending to Crown Prince Sidi Mohammed ben Al Hassan our congratulations on his accession to the throne. I wish the new King well as he assumes the awesome responsibility for the welfare and well-being of the Moroccan people.

#### RECOGNIZING RODGER B. JENSEN

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rodger Jensen for receiving the 1999 Community Salute honor. Mr. Jensen is being honored for his dedication and leadership in agriculture, and the local community.

Rodger Jensen is President of S and J Ranch in Madera, a farm management company that began in 1950 with 2,600 acres of open land, dry-farmed for barley and wheat. Today, S and J farms citrus, nuts, and olives in Madera, Merced, Fresno, Kern, and Tulare Counties. The company also manages thousands of acres of permanent crops and boasts a commercial citrus and pistachio nursery and an insectary. In order to ensure the success of these crops and entities, S and J employs 97 full-time non-harvest personnel and as many as 500 harvest employees.

Rodger's work at S and J Ranch is not his only contribution to Valley agriculture. Twenty years ago, Rodger, along with several faculty, alumni, and friends of California State University, Fresno, had a million-dollar idea. They wanted to start a foundation that would benefit, promote, and support the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, along with

its programs. The supporters set out to raise \$1 million in endowed scholarships. Today, their success is apparent, as the Ag One Endowment Fund stands at over \$1.4 million and indications are that \$2 million will be reached by the end of this year.

Rodger Jensen, a 1941 Fresno State graduate, has touched the lives of countless young people through his involvement in Ag One, the School and University, Valley Children's Hospital, the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust, the Boy Scouts, and many other organizations.

Rodger Jensen is also involved in many professional affiliations including: The California Pistachio Commission—Board of Directors, the California Chamber of Commerce—Board of Directors, the California Commission of Agriculture, the California Pistachio Association—President, Chairman, the Fresno City & County Chamber of Commerce—Board of Directors, the Fresno County Farm Bureau—Board of Directors, and the Western Pistachio Association—Board of Directors.

Mr. Jensen has contributed to the agriculture food business by serving on many boards. In previous years, he served on the boards of Mid-Cal Citrus Exchange, Sunkist Growers, and the Fruit Growers Supply.

During his many years of involvement in agriculture and the community Rodger has received numerous awards. He was given the School of Agriculture Distinguished Service Award in 1980, the Fresno Foundation Award in 1989, and the FSU Alumni Arthur Safstrom Award in 1995. Mr. Jensen was also named Ag USA Citrus Farmer of the Year in 1967.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Rodger Jensen for his dedication to the community and the agriculture industry. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Jensen many more years of continued success.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE OMNIBUS MERCURY EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT OF 1999

#### HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Omnibus Mercury Emissions Reduction Act of 1999, a bill to reduce mercury emissions by 95 percent nationwide. I am pleased to be joined by 27 of my colleagues who have agreed to be original cosponsors of this important legislation.

Although mercury is a naturally occurring element, it has built up to dangerous levels in the environment. Mercury pollution impairs the reproductive and nervous systems of fish and wildlife, and can be extremely harmful when ingested by humans. It is especially dangerous to pregnant women, children and developing fetuses. Ingesting mercury can severely damage the central nervous system, causing numbness in extremities, impaired vision, kidney disease, and, in some cases, even death.

According to EPA's "Mercury Study Report to Congress," exposure to mercury poses a significant threat to human health, and concentrations of mercury in the environment are increasing. The report concludes that mercury pollution in the U.S. comes primarily from a

few categories of combustion units and incinerators. Together, these sources emit more than 155 tons of mercury into our environment each year. These emissions can be suspended in the air for up to a year, and travel hundreds of miles before settling in bodies of water and soil.

Nearly every State confronts the health risks posed by mercury pollution, and the problem is growing. Just six years ago, 27 States had issued mercury advisories warning the public about consuming fish contaminated with mercury. Today, the number of States issuing advisories has risen to 40, and the number of water bodies covered by the warnings has nearly doubled. In some States, including my home State of Maine, every single river, lake, and stream is under a mercury advisory.

This growing problem has already prompted action at the State and regional level. Last year the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers enacted a plan to reduce emissions, educate the public and label products that contain mercury. Maine and Vermont have passed legislation to cut mercury pollution, and Massachusetts and New Jersey have enacted strict mercury emissions standards on waste incinerators.

Although there is a clear consensus that mercury pollution poses a serious threat, State and regional initiatives alone are not sufficient to deal with this problem. As Congress recognized when it passed the Clean Air Act nearly 30 years ago, Federal legislation is the only effective way to deal with airborne pollutants that know no State boundaries.

That is why I am introducing legislation to reduce the amount of mercury emitted from the largest polluters. This bill sets mercury emissions standards for coal-fired utilities, waste combustors, commercial and industrial boilers, chlor-alkali plants and Portland cement plants. According to EPA's report to Congress, these sources are responsible for more than 87 percent of all mercury emissions in the U.S.

My bill also phases out the use of mercury in products and ensures that municipalities work with waste incinerators to keep products that contain mercury out of the waste stream. It would also require a recycling program for products that contain mercury as an essential component, and increases research into the effects of mercury pollution.

With mercury levels in the environment growing every year, it is long past time to enact a comprehensive strategy for controlling mercury pollution. We have the technology for companies to meet these standards, and this bill will allow them to choose the best approach for their facility. We have reduced or eliminated other toxins, without the catastrophic effects that some industries predicted. Now we should eliminate dangerous levels of mercury. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and stop mercury from polluting our waters, infecting our fish and wildlife, and threatening the health of our children.

## DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREAT- MENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SPEECH OF

**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 1999*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of extending Normal Trade Relations to China for the coming year and against House Joint Resolution 57. Extending Normal Trade Relations will maintain our healthy economic ties with China, the world's fourth largest economy, and allow us to move closer to agreement on a stable and acceptable plan for China's international economic engagement.

China today is America's fourth largest trading partner. In 1998 Americans exported \$14 billion worth of goods to China, making China the 13th largest market abroad for U.S. goods, such as aircraft and aircraft parts, fertilizer, and electronic equipment.

My district exports plastic materials and resins, automotive parts, telecommunications equipment, building materials, food and dairy products, agricultural machinery, and pollution control equipment to China. Continued engagement with China enhances future economic opportunities for U.S. workers and businesses. Dan Bunch Enterprises, a company in Kansas City that exports cleaning products to China, has shared with me that they have seen significant increases in available jobs for their company this year as a direct result of trade relations with China, and they expect this trend to continue in the coming years.

Another company in my district that depends on extensive and successful participation in the Chinese market is AlliedSignal. China is one of the top 3 global markets where AlliedSignal is focusing its efforts to grow. AlliedSignal presently has 1,000 employees in China and 60,000 U.S. employees. Among the major products they export to China are commercial aircraft equipment (e.g., engines, auxiliary power units, landing systems, avionics), turbochargers, electrical power distribution transformer cores, fabrics, fibers, and friction materials. AlliedSignal has taken a proactive stance regarding the issue of security, especially cyber security, even going so far as to hire an outside firm to attempt to penetrate their firewalls.

AlliedSignal's interests in China also promote capitalistic and democratic ideals in China. They provide their Chinese associates with comprehensive training in economics fundamentals, as well as major supervisory and managerial fundamental skills training. This training teaches things like delegation of authority, team participation, high performance work team practices, priority setting, respect for individuals, and due process under the work rule and plant adjudication processes. They also provide funding for their associates to attend China-Europe International Business School to receive a western style MBA.

Approximately 400,000 American jobs depend on exports to China and Hong Kong, and exports to these countries have more than tripled over the past decade. In 1998, Missouri exported \$137 billion worth of goods to China. The most recent statistics from the Inter-

national Trade Administration indicate that Greater Kansas City's merchandise export sales to China total \$61 million per year, a 151% increase since 1993.

I applaud the extension of Normal Trade Relations with China, which has helped to lift 200 million Chinese out of poverty since 1978. Mr. Speaker, let us continue our efforts toward engaging China in negotiations to reform human rights, worker rights, and international security.

## THE SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, one of the largest regional multi-sporting events in the Pacific, the South Pacific Games, was recently hosted by the island of Guam. The 11th South Pacific Games consisted of roughly 6,000 athletes and officials. Athletes from 22 countries competed in 26 sporting events over a 15 day period in May and June.

Once again, athletes from the North and South Pacific gathered and engaged in various sporting events—a celebration of goodwill, cultural exchange, brotherhood and healthy competition. This year's competitors represented the geographic locations of Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia.

The island of Guam was responsible for all aspects of the organization of the 11th South Pacific Games. Every effort was made to make this year's Games the most memorable in the history. Organizers developed and implemented a Master Plan that guided the Games to a successful conclusion. The 1999 Guam South Pacific Games Commission consisted of the chairman, executive chairman, eleven board members, and the commission staff. As chairman, the island's governor, the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, committed extensive resources in support of the Games. It was all a great success.

Competing on home turf, Guam athletes gave their best performance yet. I would like to commend and congratulate Team Guam for their superb performance, efforts and contributions toward the success of the Games. Participating in regional competitions such as the South Pacific Games strengthens our relations with our neighbors and prepares our athletes for higher levels of competition.

I am pleased to submit for the RECORD the names of the Guam athletes who have distinguished themselves by winning medals in the 11th South Pacific Games.

### TRACK & FIELD

Brent Butler: 10k—Men: Silver  
Debra Cardenas: 5000m—Women: Bronze  
Brent Butler: 5000m—Men: Silver  
Susan Seay: Marathon—Women: Silver  
Debra Cardenas: 1500m—Women: Silver  
Anthony Quan: 1500—Men: Silver  
Neil Weare: 1500—Men: Bronze

### BASEBALL

Guam Team: Gold

### BASKETBALL

Guam Men's Team: Silver  
Guam Women's Team: Bronze

### BOXING

Nomer Alegre: 57 kg: Silver  
Tana Meafou: 91kg: Silver

Duane Roberts: 91 kg: Bronze

#### CANOEING

Guam Women's Team: Women's 2500 Meter  
G6: Bronze

#### GOLF

Guam Men's Team: Bronze  
Teresita Blair: Women—Individuals: Gold

#### JUDO

Kazuhiro Sonoda: 60 kg: Bronze  
Patrick Fleming: 66kg: Bronze  
Caesar Whitt: 90 kg: Bronze

#### KARATE—MEN

Pan Kim: 60 kg: Silver  
Roger Nochefranca: 65 kg: Silver  
Rickey Flores: 75 kg: Bronze  
Atsuyoshi Shiroma: 80 kg: Gold  
Atsuyoshi Shiroma: Open Category Bronze

#### KARATE—WOMEN

Roxanne Vertulfo:—53 kg: Silver  
Dolores Flores: 60 kg: Silver  
June Uson: 60 kg+: Bronze  
June Uson: Open Category: Bronze  
Guam Team: Silver

#### SAILING

Brett Chivers: Laser—Men: Gold  
Erik Lewis: Laser—Men: Silver  
Michele Jacobs: Laser—Women: Silver  
Guam Team: Laser—Men Team: Gold  
Guam Team: Boards—Lightweight Men  
Team: Bronze  
Guam Team: Boards—Women Team: Bronze

#### SOFTBALL

Guam Team: Fast Pitch—Men: Silver  
Guam Team: Slow Pitch—Men: Silver  
Guam Team: Slow Pitch—Women: Bronze

#### SWIMMING—MEN

Darrick Bollinger: 50m Freestyle: Bronze  
Peter Manglona: 100m Breaststroke: Silver  
Darrick Bollinger: 100m Freestyle: Bronze  
Daniel O'Keefe: 200m Butterfly: Silver  
Daniel O'Keefe: 200m Medley: Silver  
Daniel O'Keefe: 400m Medley: Silver  
Daniel O'Keefe: 400m Freestyle: Bronze  
Darrick Bollinger, Daniel O'Keefe, Joshua  
Taitano, Mushashi Flores: 4x100 Medley  
Relay: Silver  
Joshua Taitano, Peter Manglona, Daniel  
O'Keefe, Darrick Bollinger: 4x100 Free-  
style Relay: Silver

#### TABLE TENNIS

Guam Team: Bronze

#### TAEKWONDO—MEN

Vincent Flores: 58 kg: Gold  
Joe Daryle Cruz: 62 kg: Gold  
Christian Lee: 67 kg: Silver  
Sonny Chargualaf: 72 kg: Silver  
Ken Orland: 84 kg: Bronze  
Guam Team: Bronze

#### TAEKWONDO—WOMEN

Eleanor Minor: 57 kg: Gold

#### TRIATHLON

Kari Wicklund: Women: Gold  
Alison Ward: Women: Silver  
Guam Team: Bronze

#### WRESTLING—FREESTYLE

Anthony Santos: 54 kg: Gold  
Regel Agahan: 58 kg: Bronze  
Melchor Manibusan: 69 kg: Silver  
Ben Hernandez: 76 kg: Bronze  
Joseph Santos: 85 kg: Gold  
Drew Santos: 97 kg: Bronze  
John Meyenberg: 130 kg: Silver

#### WRESTLING—GRECO-ROMAN

Anthony Santos: 54 kg: Gold  
Regel Agahan: 58 kg: Silver  
Melchor Manibusan: 69 kg: Gold  
Ben Hernandez: 76 kg: Silver  
Joseph Santos: 85 kg: Gold  
Joaquin Dydasco: 97 kg: Bronze

Jose Dydasco: 130 kg: Silver

### IN MEMORY OF G. SAGE LYONS

## HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, recently, Mobile, and indeed, the entire state of Alabama, lost a true statesman, a fine public servant and simply put, an overall wonderful human being when my longtime friend, Sage Lyons, passed away earlier this year following a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Not only did I consider Sage a close personal friend, but I also looked upon him as one of my political mentors. Even though in age he was a few years my junior, I began my stint in public service in 1970 with my first election to the Alabama House of Representatives, the same year Sage would be elected Speaker of the House. For this reason, and for so many others, I recall with great fondness Sage's wonderful sense of humor, his strong will, his keen intellect and one of his lasting trademarks, the fact that his word was always as good as his bond.

Mr. Speaker, while Sage's name may not appear as often in Alabama history as some of our more colorful political figures, the fact is in his own quiet, yet very effective way, Sage made many lasting contributions to Mobile and to Alabama, and it is very much an understatement to say his legacy will live on for generations to come. Almost without equal, there are few men who have left such a distinguished mark of public service as did my friend Sage.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, on October 1, 1936, George Sage Lyons graduated first from University Military School in Mobile and later from Washington and Lee University. From there, he proceeded to The University of Alabama where he earned his law degree. In 1962, he returned to Mobile and helped establish the firm Lyons, Pipes & Cook.

Elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1969, Sage flourished as a politician. In 1971, at the age of 34, he became the youngest legislator ever to be elected Speaker, a post he held until 1975 when he declined to seek reelection and threw himself back into his legal practice.

But Sage's ties to the State Capitol in Montgomery did not end with his departure from office.

Throughout both his professional and political career, Sage's advice and support continued to be sought by people from all walks of life—Republicans and Democrats, blacks and whites, rich and poor alike. It was commonly believed if you had Sage Lyons in your corner, then you had a real warrior on your side.

In 1995, Sage once again answered the call to public service by putting his personal interests aside to return to Montgomery to assist then-Governor Fob James, first as his chief legal advisor and later as his finance director. As he had more than 20 years before, Sage provided a sound voice of reason and lent a steady hand on the ship of state.

In an editorial reflecting on Sage's death, the Mobile Register wrote: "Alabama has lost

a competent, willing public servant. Even more, it has lost a man of integrity, who routinely placed good government over politics and people over political parties."

Mr. Speaker, on March 5th Alabama lost one of her most giving and gifted native sons. Naturally, his death left a big void in the lives of his many friends and family, as well as his hometown which benefitted so greatly by his involvement in the public arena. Sage is survived by his widow, Elsie, their two children, George Sage, Jr. and Amelia, as well as three grandchildren. They remain in our thoughts and prayers, just as Sage remains in a select group which is clearly among the best and brightest our state has ever produced.

### RECOGNIZING ROBERT HUME BRADY

## HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one man's many accomplishments and contributions to the University of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma. Mr. Robert Hume Brady was born and raised in Seiling, Oklahoma. He was awarded the OU Regents' Alumni Award in 1998 for his exceptional dedication and service to the University of Oklahoma and served as an honorary chair of the 100th anniversary celebration of the OU Association's founding. A 1960 graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration, he joined Travelers Property Casualty Corporation in 1963 and today serves as regional vice president. In many of the cities where his career has taken him, he has made the OU presence stronger. He formed the OU Club of New Orleans in 1969, reactivated the OU Club of Kansas City in 1985, and organized the OU Club of Charlotte in 1991. He served as president of the OU Club of Charlotte for seven years and currently is a member of the Board of Directors. He has worked to raise funds for scholarship support to potential OU students and to bring new energy to the OU Club through recruiting and nominating younger members to leadership positions. He continues a long OU family tradition established by his great-uncle C. Ross Hume, a member of the first graduating class in 1898 and one of the founders of the OU Alumni Association in 1899. His grandfather, Dr. R.R. Hume, a member of the second graduating class, was instrumental in the selection of OU's colors of crimson and cream.

Robert Brady will retire July 31, 1999, after 37 years with Travelers, and he and his wife Betty plan to return to Oklahoma City. Bob started with Travelers in 1963 after graduating from the University of Oklahoma. Further tours of duty included New Orleans, Home Office, Oklahoma City, Kansas City and Charlotte. While in Charlotte, Bob helped make Travelers North Carolina's leading Independent Agency carrier.

Respected among his peers for his elegance and character, Bob is a colleague, mentor, friend, husband, father and grandfather.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE MCGOLDRICK AND NIAL O'DOWD UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER ALANA KATHLEEN

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House that on Sunday, July 25, 1999, at 1:34 a.m., Debbie McGoldrick and Niall O'Dowd because the proud parents of a baby daughter, Alana Kathleen. Alana Kathleen weighed in at 8 pounds, 5½ ounces and is 21 inches long. The best news is that Alana Kathleen and her mother Debbie are in perfect health.

I am proud to be able to call Debbie and Niall my good friends. Niall is the Founding Publisher of the Irish Voice newspaper and Irish America magazine. Debbie, who is clearly the brains and the beauty of the operation, is the Senior Editor of the Irish Voice. Niall and Debbie are leaders in the Irish-American community and have been in the very forefront of the Irish peace process.

As happy as Niall and Debbie are over the birth of their beautiful daughter, I know that Alana Kathleen will soon realize how fortunate she is to have such outstanding parents. On behalf of myself and my family I wish them the very best of health and happiness.

**VAN ARSDALES HONORED**

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues, two distinguished community leaders, Tom and Suzette van Arsdale. My good friends Tom and Suzette will be honored this month by the Luzerne Foundation for their community service and leadership. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in this tribute.

Born in New York City in 1937, Tom van Arsdale grew up in New England. Tom joined the U.S. Army after high school and served in the Signal Corps as a top secret cryptographer for two years before receiving an honorable discharge. Tom began his business career as a teller in a New Jersey bank in 1959. Within two years, Tom was a bank officer and within four years, he was a senior executive. While pursuing his career, Tom was also earning degrees from Routh Valley Community College and Edison State College.

Tom's business acumen gained the attention in the banking world when he assumed the position of President of a troubled New Jersey bank, guided it out of its financial crisis, converted it to a public bank and subsequently sold it to the Dime Bank of New York. Tom continued to serve as the bank's President and CEO and was named to a directorship of the Dime Bank of New York.

Tom moved to northeastern Pennsylvania in 1990 after being named President and CEO of Franklin First Financial Corporation and Franklin First Savings Bank. After Franklin First was sold to Onbancorp in 1993, Tom continued to serve as its President and was elected to the parent bank's board until his recent retirement.

Suzette van Arsdale also spent her early years in banking. Born in New Jersey, Suzette rose in the ranks rapidly shortly after beginning her banking career, becoming a corporate officer of one of the Nation's largest commercial banks. While working full time, Suzette earned a degree in management from Kean University. Tom and Suzette were married in 1986 and now have two children: Thomas Robert, age 12, and Matthew Ernest, age 20 months.

Mr. Speaker, both van Arsdals have been active members of the community. Tom serves on several local boards, including the Luzerne County Community College Foundation, the Committee for Economic Growth, the Wyoming Valley United Way, Wyoming Seminary, College Misericordia, the Central Division of Pennsylvania Economy League, WVIA public radio and television, and the Northeast Philharmonic Orchestra, to name just a few. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and America's Community Bankers and a former chair of the Community Bankers Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Suzette has an equally impressive resume of community activity and involvement, currently serving or having served as President of the Junior League, member of the Presidents Council of King's College, second chair the Wyoming Valley Red Cross, member of the Wyoming Seminary Board of Directors, and as an active member of United Way of Wyoming Valley, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Family Services Association and the Luzerne Foundation. Suzette has helped raise funds for the Osterhout Library, the Back Mountain Library, the Northeast Philharmonic, the American Cancer Society, the St. Vincent's South Kitchen, the Catherine McCauley House, the Meals on Wheels program, the Fine Arts Fiesta, and the Theater on the Green at College Misericordia.

In 1998, both Tom and Suzette were honored by Her Majesty, the Queen of England. Tom was invested to the Order of St. John as an Associate Commander while Suzette was given a similar honor by the Queen and also invested to the Cathedral of the Church of St. John by Lord Prior.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to call Tom and Suzette van Arsdale my friends. In just 10 years, they have both had an enormous impact on northeastern Pennsylvania. I have called on them numerous times to help support community efforts and they have always provided their leadership. More importantly, they have been wonderful friends to me, my wife, Nancy, and to many people throughout the area. I am proud to join with the community in thanking them for their years of service and wishing them the best for the future.

**TRIBUTE TO TOM TIPPY, SR.**

**HON. SONNY CALLAHAN**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an important constituent, a fine community and business leader, and a close personal friend, Mr. Tom Tippy, Sr.

Tom, who passed away back on March 12th following a long illness, will be sorely missed

by his family and many friends, as well as numerous associates throughout the First District of Alabama.

Tom Tippy's relationship with the people of South Alabama began over twenty-five years ago when, as an executive with Parsons & Whittemore, he came to the area as part of the delegation sent by the Landegger family to locate a site for the construction of a new pulp and paper facility.

This mill, which became known as Alabama River Pulp, grew to employ hundreds of men and women from Monroe County and the surrounding area, and it is a testament to the hard work of the entire Parsons & Whittemore corporate family, as well as the tremendous dedication and perseverance displayed by Tom Tippy and his staff.

Prior to entering the world of business, Tom was a distinguished veteran of the United States Army Air Corps and saw a great deal of service in the Pacific Theater of operations. While serving as a gunner with the crew of a B-24 Liberator in the 5th Army Air Corps, and later as a top turret gunner and flight engineer on a crew assigned to the 90th Bomber Group, Tom exhibited the same qualities of leadership, professionalism and dedication to his crew mates and his nation that he displayed repeatedly throughout his life. I was saddened, but nonetheless honored, to have an American flag flown over this very building, a shrine to democracy throughout the world, which was draped over Tom's casket and presented to his family at his burial.

Perhaps one of the finest comments on Tom's life was offered by his dear friend and mine, Monroe County Probate Judge Otha Lee Biggs, when he said, "He wasn't happy unless he was present with the employees of that company. They were a part of his family. If they needed him, he wanted to be there for him. And, for the leadership he gave to them, they gave him their support in return. For he was a people's man and he was a working man's executive."

Indeed he was.

Mr. Speaker, I offer this memorial tribute to Tom Tippy with the belief that his legacy of goodness, of sound decisions and of always being a man of his word, will continue in perpetuity. Truly, he lived his life with an enthusiasm toward helping others and in so doing, I believe he inspired the rest of us to try to do a little better ourselves as we approach our fellow man.

Tom is survived by his lovely wife, Rita; three sons, Tommy Tippy, Jr., Bill Tippy and Richard Tippy; one stepdaughter, Melanie Lee Ford; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. My condolences go out to each of them.

**DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 1999*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my opposition to House Joint Resolution 57 disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (or normal trade relations) to

the People's Republic of China. The continued extension of normal trade relations (NTR) to China will do much to benefit the United States domestically, while engagement with China remains the most powerful means of advancing our interests abroad.

I share the concerns of many of my colleagues over China's record on human rights. In particular, the plight of the people of Tibet is one that we must not ignore. As we engage China economically, we should work to engage China in a policy that allows Tibetan peoples, cultures, and beliefs to flourish. As President Clinton has repeatedly emphasized, engagement with China is one path by which to encourage reform. The Clinton administration and Congress will continue to press China for human rights' reform and democratization of its political process.

Approximately 400,000 American jobs depend on trade with China. Nearly all of China's other major trading partners, including Japan and Europe, currently grant normal trade status to the People's Republic of China. Were China to retaliate with trade restrictions against the United States, these nations would gain a competitive trade edge against the United States that would jeopardize vast numbers of American jobs.

Additionally, the revocation of China's NTR status would likely simply replace Chinese imports with goods imported from its neighboring nations, harming only the American consumer. Let us also remember that over the past decade, American exports to China have quadrupled to \$14.3 billion, a large portion of which is made up by high-technology imports produced in locations such as my district in Silicon Valley.

It is also possible that China might soon gain entrance into the World Trade Organization (WTO), an action that might result in the critical and historic acceptance by Chinese markets of American agricultural and industrial products. The chances of opening these Chinese markets would be severely diminished if the United States were to revoke NTR status at this point.

China also plays an extremely important role in guaranteeing regional security and stability from the Korean Peninsula to the Indian Subcontinent. China's constructive efforts for peace between North and South Korea, and its push for restraint by India and Pakistan in the wake of their nuclear tests, highlight the positive role China is capable of playing in the international arena. And our policy of engagement has exhibited some meaningful success; as a result of our policy China has signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and joined the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention.

China clearly must take substantial steps to improve its record on human rights and democratize its government if it wishes to be fully accepted by the international community. Yet only further engagement with China will allow the United States the opportunity to advocate on behalf of its own interests and those of the Chinese people. I urge you vote against House Joint Resolution 57.

SUPPORT FOR BULGARIA, H. CON.  
RES. 170

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 170 outlines our United States foreign policy towards Bulgaria, notes the objectives of our new, post-Cold War relationship with Bulgaria, and points out some of the positive changes now underway in Bulgaria.

Since elections held in April 1997, the government of Bulgaria has committed itself to making progress on badly-needed economic reforms, fair treatment of all of Bulgaria's citizens, including those from its large ethnic Turkish minority, and Bulgaria's eventual integration into the pan-European and trans-Atlantic community.

However, despite Bulgaria's economic reforms, democratization, and progressive foreign policy, the breakup of the Soviet-dominated "COMECON" economic organization, the failure of the previous Bulgarian government to adequately address corrupt activities, and the imposition of international sanctions on neighboring Serbia and nearby Iraq during most of this decade have placed serious burdens on the Bulgarian economy.

I believe it is important that the United States recognize and commend Bulgaria's efforts to make progress in the midst of its current economic difficulties. House Concurrent Resolution 170 does that and makes it clear that the United States also supports Bulgaria's eventual integration into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions.

Bulgaria is working hard to overcome the legacy of four decades of communist rule and to assume its proper place in the trans-Atlantic community of states. Accordingly, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution 170, which I believe to be a recognition of our new relationship with this important country. I submit the text of H. Con. Res. 170 to be inserted at this point in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES. 170

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).*

#### SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Elections held in April 1997 in the Republic of Bulgaria brought to office a government committed to full economic reforms, discipline in government budgetary and currency policies, increased foreign, direct investment in Bulgaria, and energetic efforts to combat corrupt and criminal activities that had undermined previous economic reforms.

(2) The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria has worked to ensure the proper treatment of its citizens, regardless of ethnic background, including those of ethnic Turkish background, many of whom were subjected to forced assimilation campaigns and deportation under the former communist regime in Bulgaria.

(3) The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria has made Bulgaria's integration into pan-European and trans-Atlantic institutions, including the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the highest priority of its foreign policy, and has undertaken efforts to promote stability

in southeastern Europe and the Black Sea region.

(4) The economy of the Republic of Bulgaria has suffered considerable decline due to the disruption of important markets caused by the break-up of the former, Soviet-dominated "COMECON" economic and trade organization, the application of international sanctions on Iraq, and the failure of the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria to confront widespread corrupt activities prior to the elections of April 1997 that resulted in the theft of large sums from both government and industry and that bankrupted many Bulgarian banks.

(5) The economy of the Republic of Bulgaria has suffered as well from the imposition of international sanctions on neighboring Serbia and continues to suffer from the conflict in that country, which has disrupted commerce throughout the region of southeastern Europe.

(6) The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria has recently taken steps to finalize bilateral agreements with the neighboring Republic of Macedonia, recognized by the United States as the "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", overcoming longstanding dispute over the language to be used in those agreements.

(7) The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria has undertaken to reform Bulgaria's armed forces, adopting a military doctrine to that effect in March 1999.

(8) The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria has stated its continuing support for the mission of NATO in supporting democratization and stability across Europe.

(9) As a result of the conflict in Serbia with regard to the region of Kosovo, the Republic of Bulgaria has accepted several thousand refugees from the conflict.

#### SEC. 2. POLICY TOWARD THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to promote the development in the Republic of Bulgaria of a market-based economy and a democratic government that respects the rights of all of its citizens, regardless of ethnic background;

(2) to support the territorial integrity of the Republic of Bulgaria;

(3) to insist that the territorial integrity of the Republic of Bulgaria be respected by neighboring countries and by all political movements within and outside Bulgaria; and

(4) to support the integration of the Republic of Bulgaria into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions.

#### SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria is to be commended for its efforts to ensure proper treatment of all of its citizens, regardless of ethnic background, particularly those of ethnic Turkish background;

(2) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria is to be commended—

(A) for its efforts to accelerate the privatization of state-owned enterprises in a fair and transparent process;

(B) for its establishment of a currency board to ensure the value of the Bulgarian currency; and

(C) for its efforts to combat corrupt and criminal activities that undermine reforms and the viability of Bulgaria's government and industry;

(3) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria should continue to implement programs that may qualify Bulgaria for entrance into the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and is to be commended for its continuing support of the NATO effort to ensure stability and democratization across Europe;

(4) the Republic of Bulgaria is suffering the adverse economic impact of the disruption of



commerce in southeastern Europe and an influx of refugees caused by the conflict in neighboring Serbia;

(5) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria should ensure the expedition ratification of all bilateral treaties that have been negotiated with the neighboring Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

(6) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria should undertake steps to immediately halt any illicit transfer of arms and military equipment that may occur in Bulgaria or may cross Bulgarian territory;

(7) the Republic of Bulgaria should play a central role in any effort by the NATO to create a joint peacekeeping military unit involving personnel from throughout the countries of southeastern Europe or in the creation of facilities in support of such a peacekeeping unit; and

(8) the United States should join other official creditors of the Republic of Bulgaria in providing Bulgaria with relief from such official debt through rescheduling and, where appropriate, forgiveness.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 29, 1999, I inadvertently voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 352, the Moakley amendment to prohibit any funding for the U.S. Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, GA. As a cosponsor of legislation calling for the closure of the School of the Americas, and having consistently voted to prohibit funding for the School of the Americas in the past, I fully intended to cast my vote in favor of the Moakley amendment, rollcall vote No. 352.

#### TRIBUTE TO HUGH CHISOLM DALE

##### HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hugh Chisolm Dale who received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree on May 15, 1999, from Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina.

Without question, Hugh Dale is one of Erskine's most loyal alumni, and one of South Alabama's most outstanding citizens. Erskine awarded him the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1972 and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 1987. In addition, he served as a member of the Erskine Board of Trustees for twelve years, and was Chairman of the Board from 1967 to 1969.

While he is naturally proud of his relationship to his alma mater, Mr. Dale has also been a one-man chamber of commerce for his hometown of Camden, Alabama. He retired as senior vice President with the Camden National Bank in 1973, having first started with the bank back in 1951. In this capacity, he was often called upon to help lead numerous civic and community events which, in turn, helped the growth and development of Camden and Wilcox County.

Mr. Dale is the son of Hugh Henry Dale and Lillie Packer Chisolm and was born in Camden in 1911. He was valedictorian of the 1928 Wilcox County High School class and graduated cum laude from Erskine with a BA in chemistry in 1932. In 1935, he received a Master of Arts degree, also in chemistry, from Columbia University.

The first ten years after graduation were spent teaching school in Alabama, South Carolina, and Georgia. He then served in the United States Air Force as a preflight instructor during the Second World War, rising to the rank of Major. For the five years immediately following the war he worked for the Veterans Administration in Montgomery. After that, he returned to his hometown of Camden, where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Dale is married to the former Margaret Isabel Ware, and they have two daughters, Margaret Caroline Dale Austin and Jane Shelton Dale, both of whom also graduated from Erskine College. He has been a deacon and elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in Camden, where he served for years as its treasurer.

Mr. Speaker, Hugh Dale is a man of the highest moral character, and he has lived his entire life with the aim of serving his fellow man. It is appropriate that Erskine College recognized one of its most outstanding alumni in this way, and it is a tribute for a job well done.

I salute Mr. Dale for his many lifetime achievements, and wish him only good health and God's Blessings as he continues on life's journey.

#### SUPPORT FOR ROMANIA, H. CON. RES. 169

##### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 169 outlines our United States foreign policy towards Romania, recognizes the strides Romania has taken in economic and political reforms since the end of the cold war, recognizes the steps Romania has taken to improve relations with its neighbors and to prepare itself for eventual integration into the pan-European and trans-Atlantic communities, and urges Romania forward in its reforms, despite its current economic difficulties.

Mr. Speaker, although Romania had taken reform-oriented steps early in this decade, the elections of November 1996, the first since 1937 that led to a peaceful transfer of power under a democratic system, provided a fresh opportunity to push reforms forward. These reforms undertaken in the midst of economic hardship made worse by corruption, criminal activities, and the disruptions in commerce in southeast Europe caused by international sanctions and military actions against neighboring Serbia, have a long way to go.

I believe, however, that it is important to encourage Romania to continue with its reforms. I also believe that it should be our policy to support Romania's eventual integration into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions. In this regard, I note that Romania was the very first country to join NATO's "Partnership for Peace" program and that it has spent most of this decade working

to reform its military and adopt procedures for its military forces that are compatible with those of the NATO alliance.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution 169, an important statement of United States support for Romania, for its program of reforms, and for its eventual integration into the trans-Atlantic community. I submit that the text of H. Con. Res. 169 be inserted at this point in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES. 169

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

#### SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Hungary that recognizes the borders of those two countries and provides for the protection of the civil liberties of citizens who are members of national minorities.

(2) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with neighboring Ukraine that recognizes the borders of those two countries.

(3) The November 1996 electoral change in the Government of Romania was the first such change under a democratic political system in Romania since 1937.

(4) Romania was the first country to join the "Partnership for Peace" program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in January 1994, has since become an active participant in that program, is a member of NATO's Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council, and has stated its strong interest in admission into NATO and into the European Union.

(5) The Government of Romania has worked to ensure civilian control over its armed forces and has begun to implement military reform through force reductions, reorganization of officer ranks, and adoption of NATO-compatible procedures.

(6) Romania has provided military personnel for participation in and support of multinational peacekeeping operations.

(7) The Government of Romania has stated its continuing support for the mission of NATO in supporting democratization and stability across Europe.

#### SEC. 2. POLICY TOWARD ROMANIA.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to promote the development in Romania of a market-based economy and a democratic government that respects the rights of all of its citizens, regardless of ethnic background;

(2) to support the territorial integrity of Romania and to insist that the territorial integrity of Romania be respected by all neighboring countries and by all political movements within and outside Romania; and

(3) to support the integration of Romania into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions.

#### SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States should support efforts by Romania to integrate into pan-European and trans-Atlantic institutions and should view such integration as an important factor in consolidating democratic government in Romania;

(2) Romania is to be commended for its work to achieve bilateral treaties with the Republic of Hungary and Ukraine and the Government of Romania should now work expeditiously to negotiate, agree to, and ratify a bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Moldova that recognizes the borders of those two countries;

(3) the Government of Romania should accelerate necessary economic reforms, particularly privatization of state-owned enterprises under a fair and transparent process



and privatization of the agricultural sector to include privatization of land and of major agri-business enterprises;

(4) the Government of Romania should, in a concrete manner, address corrupt and criminal activities at all levels;

(5) the United States should undertake to assist Romania to address the costs of disruptions in commerce in southeastern Europe caused by the conflict in neighboring Serbia; and

(6) the United States should join other official creditors of Romania in providing Romania with relief from such official debt through rescheduling and, where appropriate, forgiveness.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for one vote on Friday, July 30, 1999, missing rollcall vote 355. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. GUTHANS

### HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bobby Guthans a respected leader in his field, an outstanding citizen in our community and quite frankly, as fine a gentleman as I have ever known. On a personal note, I am also pleased and honored to call Bobby Guthans my friend.

Bobby recently retired as president of Midstream Fuel Inc., Petroleum Energy Products Co., and Tenn-Tom Towing Co. As one of the founders of Midstream back in 1974, Bobby helped build a company that soon became recognized around the world as one of the innovative leaders in the maritime industry.

Bobby's success at Midstream didn't just happen because he's a nice guy with a great outlook on life, although he is certainly that.

It was the product of hard work, a good business head on his shoulders and a work ethic and respect for others that is second-to-none. In addition, Bobby, and his lovely wife Barbara Ann, come from the old school who believe "it is better to give than receive."

As such, they have volunteered literally untold hours in worthy civic and charitable endeavors, always with the attitude that it is right to give something back to your community and to your fellow man. Both Bobby and Barbara Ann are without peers when it comes to their generosity.

While being a first-class CEO, as well as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, Bobby has also found time to hold down many important positions of leadership in his industry as well as his community. Some of these include: Chairman of the Board of American Waterways Operators; Chairman of the Southern Region of the AWO; Chairman of the Board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Com-

merce; Director of the Executive Committee of the Warrior-Tombigbee Development Association; and Director of the World Dredging Association.

In addition, he is on the boards of the Mobile Economic Development Council, the Mobile Industrial Development Board, the National Waterways Conference, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, the Geological Survey of Alabama and the Navy League of Mobile.

Bobby's community spirit has not gone without notice or thanks. Earlier this year, the U.S. Coast Guard bestowed upon Bobby its second-highest honor, the Meritorious Public Service Commendation. In addition, he has received the Alfred F. Delchamps, Jr. Award and the National Rivers Hall of Fame Achievement Award. In 1990, the Propellor Club named him Maritime Man of the Year.

Bobby is a native of Mobile and is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, where he was commissioned as an Army officer and spent the next two years fighting for his country in the Korean Conflict. Today, Bobby serves on the board of VMI, as well as on the board of Spring Hill College in Mobile.

There are few people in the life of Mobile who have given as much, and as often, as has Bobby Guthans. Today, Bobby has chosen to spend a little more time with his bride of 40-plus years, their two children, Robert A. Guthans, Jr. and Jean Guthans Wilkins, and their five beautiful grandchildren. But that doesn't mean he's going to have a lot of free time on his hands, for Bobby doesn't know how to slow down. As he recently told a reporter from the Mobile Register, "I've got to be doing something. I'm not the kind of person who can spend his days hitting golf balls around."

Mr. Speaker, that's good news for Mobile, Alabama. For if you think about all that Bobby Guthans has been able to do for his community, his state and his nation while he was also running a multi-million dollar corporation, just think what he'll be able to do now that he doesn't have to show up to work at seven o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Bobby Guthans. He's a good man and a wonderful role model for us all.

#### THE PASSING OF FATHER PETER LAPPIN

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 2, 1999*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret informing our colleagues of the passing of one of the most remarkable and accomplished residents of my 20th Congressional District of New York.

Father Peter Lappin, the author of 17 books on Christian theology, has been considered the spiritual leader of the Irish community in my congressional district. He long served as chaplain to the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians and was a longtime supporter of the peace process in Ireland.

Father Peter Lappin devoted his life to the Salesian Fathers of which he was a member.

He resided at the Marian Shrine and Don Bosco Retreat in Rockland County for over 25 years. He had first taken his vows as a Salesian of Don Bosco back in 1933, and lived in our Hudson Valley region of New York since 1961.

Father Lappin, who was 88 years young when a heart attack claimed him suddenly yesterday, was born in Belfast. He attended the Belfast School of Technology, the Pallakenry College, and the Salesian College, Cowley, Oxford. Father Lappin then traveled to China where he continued his studies at the International School of Theology in Shanghai and the Salesian Studenat in Hong Kong. Father Lappin was finally ordained as a Salesian Priest in Shanghai, and subsequently he spent 16 years in Shanghai as a teacher and a parish priest.

Father Lappin also studied at Fordham University and the Columbia School Writing, both in New York City.

Father Lappin gained fame in many ways. In addition to his noted best selling books, including "Stories of Don Bosco" and biographies of contemporary Christian heroes, he was author of the "Salesian Bulletin". He was an editorial board member of "The Biographical Memoirs of Saint John Bosco" and was a lecturer on South America and the Far East. Father Lappin was active in the Knights of Columbus and in the Cambridge Society of Biographers.

Father Lappin was widely regarded for his talent at writing children's books which expressed the Catholic faith in a manner that youngsters could readily understand. He has a tremendous impact on countless generations of young readers.

Father Lappin's writings earned for him the Venice Festival awards, the Catholic Family Club award, and two Catholic Literacy Foundation awards.

Mrs. Gilman and I came to know Father Peter Lappin over many years, as a result of his deeply felt passion for a permanent peace in Ireland. Father Lappin traveled to the emerald isle extensively in his quest for a lasting peace in his homeland. He devoted much of his life to a resolution of the troubles in the north, and closely followed—and supported—the recent peace initiatives for Ireland.

In losing Father Lappin, Georgia and I have lost not only a fond friend but an outstanding advocate of peace throughout the world.

Danny Withers, one of the more prominent of Irish-American leaders in my district, stated:

Father Lappin was a great supporter of independence for Ireland, and he used his God-given gift of the written word to help garner support for this worthy cause.

Father Lappin came to our Nation in 1961. He worked out of the New Rochelle headquarters of the Salesians for 11 years, traveling throughout our Nation and continuing his writings. He became a household word in Rockland Country for the past quarter century, due to his compassion, his love of all people but most especially children, and his dynamic personality.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in extending our condolences to Father Lappin's half brother, Father James Brawley of Australia, and to all of his fellow Salesian fathers. His were huge footsteps that will be difficult to fill.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## AUGUST 4

8:30 a.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings on the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and the nomination of Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

SD-628

9 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To continue hearings on farm crisis issues.

SR-328A

## Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to resume markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980.

SD-406

9:15 a.m.

## Rules and Administration

To hold hearings on certain proposed committee resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses.

SR-301

9:30 a.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 299, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to As-

sistant Secretary for Indian Health; and S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations; followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-485

10 a.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings on S. 1172, to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products, focusing on proposed remedies for relief, relating to pipeline drugs.

SD-628

10:30 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on S. 693, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan.

SD-419

## Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia

## Subcommittee

To hold hearings on overlap and duplication in the Federal Food Safety System.

SD-342

2 p.m.

## Judiciary

## Immigration Subcommittee

To hold hearings on annual refugee consultation.

SD-628

## Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:15 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

## National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to review the performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, by the National Park Service.

SD-366

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine fraud against seniors.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

## International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee

To hold hearings on economic reform and trade opportunities in Vietnam.

SD-419

## AUGUST 5

9 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To continue hearings on farm crisis issues.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Housing and Transportation Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-538

10 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

## Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings on United States strategic interests in India.

SD-419

## Judiciary

Business meeting to markup S. 486, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States; and S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

SD-628

2:15 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on pending nominations.

SD-419

## AUGUST 6

9:30 a.m.

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings on the employment and unemployment situation for July.

Room to be announced

## SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.

345 Cannon Building

## POSTPONEMENTS

## AUGUST 4

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings on the maintenance of unneeded medical facilities of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

SD-106